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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

John N. McMahon

Acting Deputy to the DCI for the

Intelligence Community

SUBJECT:

Excepted/Exempted Status of Agencies

Jack:

This is something you may want to keep your ear to the ground on. As you know, the President's reorganization task force is taking a look at the Federal personnel systems. We have some excerpts of a bootleg copy of the report, and in it the report notes that because of the need for secrecy, etc., the CIA "could not be included in the Competitive Service without major dislocation and negative effects on the agency's ability to perform its mission." Comparable status is given to the Foreign Service, Public Health Service, FBI, NSA, the Tennessee Valley Authority, etc. What is significant, however, is that under NSA they note: "Essentially the same considerations apply as for the Central Intelligence Agency. It is possible, however, that a common excepted intelligence service for these and similar agencies would be advantageous to the government, to the agencies, and to employees."

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